GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:226
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2008
OLD FOODGRAIN STOCKS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) holds more than five years old stock of foodgrains in its godowns across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether efforts have been made by the Government for disposing of the old stocks; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) T (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.226 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2008 IN THE LOKSABHA.

(a): As on 1.11.2008,the Food Corporation of India (FCI) was holding 546 tonnes of foodgrains in its godowns,which were more than 5 years old.The present level of more than 5 year old stocks constitutes a negligible percentage (0.0054%) of the total stocks of foodgrains held by the FCI on 1.11.2008.The State-wise details of these stocks and their reasons for non-disposal are as under:-

Region	Commodity	Quantity (in MTs)	Crop year	Reasons for non-disposal
Punjab	Rice	81	2001-02	Litigation
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Punjab	Wheat	33	2001-02	Police Case
Bihar	Rice	250	1999-2000	Litigation

(b), (c) & (d): To ensure that old stock of foodgrains is issued, FCI follows the FIFO (First in First Out) principle.Instructions have been issued to the Regional Offices of FCI to pursue the Court/police cases for expediting disposal of old stocks.